

House Resolution No. 41

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in silent reverie to recognize the lifetime achievements of an outstanding Missourian who positively touched the lives of countless individuals during her journey on this most precious earth: Shirley T. Johnson; and

Whereas, Shirley Johnson was born to John and Telossie Gibbs on August 23, 1935, in Chocowinity, North Carolina, and was living in St. Louis, Missouri, on November 7, 2002, when God took her home to the love and beauty of His everlasting light; and

Whereas, Shirley Johnson confessed her belief in Christ, was baptized early in life, and joined Cote Brilliante Presbyterian Church; and

Whereas, Shirley Johnson had enjoyed recognition as a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker who was a retired employee of Jewish Hospital in St. Louis; and

Whereas, Shirley Johnson will be greatly missed by her grieving family whose members include her husband, Richard F. Johnson; five children, Charles Gibbs of Tallahassee, Florida, and Brenda Stokes, Richard Johnson, Jr., Oliver Johnson, and Jacquelin Ward of St. Louis; two daughters-in-law, Sheila Johnson and Jacquelin Johnson; two sons-in-law, Sylvester Stokes, Sr. and Clarence Ward; one brother, Theodore Gibbs of New Jersey; one niece; one nephew; thirteen grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; and a host of other family members and friends; and

Whereas, Shirley Johnson had also nurtured a very special relationship of love and devotion with other members of her family who preceded her in death, including one sister, Ramona Gibbs; and

Whereas, weeping may endure for a night, but joy will come in the morning knowing Shirley Johnson is safe in God's arms and we too one day will fly away to be with her again:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in paying final tribute to Shirley Johnson and in expressing to her family our deepest sympathy at this difficult time of tremendous personal loss; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the loved ones of the late Shirley T. Johnson.

Offered by _____
Representative Rodney R. Hubbard
District No. 58

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 41, adopted January 14, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker